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ABSTRACT

This document presents data concerning graduate admissions at the State University of New York. Individual discussions and tables are offered for admissions on the master's level, doctoral admissions, and first-professional degree admissions. Data are presented for applications received, applications accepted, and students enrolled by the various institutions within the State University system. (HS)

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INTRODUCTION

Most discussions of admissions issues are focused on undergraduate admissions. For the last two years the New York State Education Department has collected information about graduate admissions. Data for the State University are summarized in this report. Because the first professional programs (M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M. and J.D.), masters, and doctoral programs are quite different in their nature and their admissions patterns, they will be discussed individually. Unlike our earlier Report No. 17 which reflected only Fall 1970 information, this publication covers applications, acceptances and new enrollments in a program for the Spring 1971, Summer 1971 and Fall 1971 terms.

Masters admissions

There were 25,364 applications for masters degree programs in 1971. The University Centers received 12,962 (51 percent), the University Colleges received 9,577 (38 percent), and the remaining 11 percent were received by other senior institutions.

Acceptance rates for these applications varied widely from 16 percent to 95 percent, with an average of 66 percent of the applications given favorable decisions (see Table 2). The application acceptance rates for each type of institution are as follows: University Centers 64 percent; University Colleges, 78 percent; Health Sciences Centers, 23 percent; Specialized Colleges, 58 percent; and Statutory Colleges, 39 percent.

The number of full-time and part-time masters degree students who actually enrolled (8,824) was considerably less than the number of applications accepted by State University institutions (see Table 3). There are two major reasons for this drop: (1) students are likely to file more than one application, and in the absence of a centralized admissions system for graduate students, the number of unduplicated applicants cannot be identified; and (2) plans for attending graduate school may change, so that the student may not continue his education or may enroll in an institution outside the State University of New York.

The enrollment rates of accepted applications at each institution vary, from 25 percent to 100 percent (see Table 3). The average percent of enrollment compared to accepted applications was 52 percent, and by institution

type the averages were as follows: University Centers, 44 percent; University Colleges, 59 percent; Health Sciences Centers, 82 percent; Specialized Colleges, 80 percent; and Statutory Colleges, 59 percent.

Doctoral admissions

Applications for doctoral degree programs and graduate certificate programs in 1971 totaled 11,620. The University Centers received 9,455 (81 percent), University Colleges received 300 (3 percent), Health Sciences Centers received 1,053 (9 percent), College of Forestry received 80 (1 percent), and the Statutory Colleges received 732 (6 percent).

Acceptance rates for these applications varied from 9 percent to 100 percent, with an average of 40 percent of the applications being accepted (see Table 2). The application acceptance rates for each type of institution are as follows: University Centers, 41 percent; University Colleges, 66 percent; Health Sciences Centers, 25 percent; the College of Forestry, 54 percent; and the Statutory Colleges, 41 percent.

The number of full-time and part-time doctoral degree and graduate certificate students who actually enrolled (2,287) was considerably less than the number of applications accepted by State University institutions (see Table 3), for the same reasons discussed above. The enrollment rates of accepted applications varied from 19 percent to 100 percent. The average for all institutions was 49 percent, and by institution type the averages were: University Centers, 48 percent; University Colleges, 87 percent; Health Sciences Centers, 29 percent; College of Forestry, 58 percent; and Statutory Colleges, 59 percent.

First-Professional degree admissions

Considerably different rates of acceptance and enrollment are found for the first-professional graduate programs, necessitating a separate summary:

1. Law (J.D.):

   The only State University institution with a Law School is the University Center at Buffalo. There were 1,720 applications filed for the Law program, and 327 were accepted (19 percent). These applications were later represented by the 202 enrolled students (62 percent).

2. Medicine and Dentistry (M.D. and D.D.S.):

   Four Health Sciences Centers enrolled M.D. and D.D.S. students in 1971, but only the Health Sciences Center at Buffalo had a Dentistry program. These data do not permit a separate analysis for Dentistry students.

There were 13,554 applications for these programs, 981 positive decisions (87 percent), and 549 enrolled students (56 percent of the accepted applications). The greatest application pressure was at the Stony Brook and Upstate Health Sciences Centers, where only 1 and 3 percent of the applications were accepted respectively.

The Downstate Medical Center had an enrollment rate of accepted applications of only 42 percent, compared with 100 percent at the Upstate Medical Center, 61 percent at the Buffalo Health Sciences Center and 62 percent at the Stony Brook Health Sciences Center.

3. Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.):

Only the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University has a program of Veterinary Medicine. This program received 609 applications and accepted 65 (11 percent). All of the accepted students enrolled, as did all of the academic doctoral program acceptees at the Veterinary College.

Limitations of the enrollment data

Because of the nature of the graduate admissions process, the enrollment data reported here should be used only in the context of this report. For example, only students who have been formally accepted into a graduate program are included here. If official graduate enrollment data are required, they are available from the Central Staff Office of Institutional Research.

Acknowledgments

This study posed difficult problems to those who were asked to provide the data: graduate applications may not always be formal, but can be the result of professor-to-professor communications; a central source of information on applications and acceptances seldom exists; and as with all studies conducted for the first time, there were definitional difficulties. The campus persons who compiled the data deserve appreciation for making this report possible.

TABLE 1--GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1971, SUMMER 1971 AND FALL 1971

Institution	Total	Those applying for masters degree programs	Those applying for doctoral degree programs[a]	Those applying for M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M. O.D. or J.D. programs
All senior institutions				
Applications received	52,964	25,364	11,620	15,980
Applications accepted	22,868	16,820	4,652	1,396
Students enrolled	11,949[b]	8,824	2,287	838
University Centers				
Applications received	24,137	12,962	9,455	1,720[c]
Applications accepted	12,490	8,312	3,851	327[c]
Students enrolled	5,727	3,690	1,835	202[c]
Albany				
Applications received	6,492	5,459	1,033	-
Applications accepted	4,000	3,493	507	-
Students enrolled	2,300	1,907	393	-
Binghamton				
Applications received	2,339	572	1,767	-
Applications accepted	1,539	379	1,160	-
Students enrolled	776	163	613	-
Buffalo				
Applications received	8,661	3,632	3,309	1,720[c]
Applications accepted	2,648	1,522	799	327[c]
Students enrolled	1,421	881	538	202[c]
Stony Brook				
Applications received	6,645	3,299	3,346	-
Applications accepted	4,303	2,918	1,385	-
Students enrolled	1,230	739	491	-
University Colleges				
Applications received	9,877	9,577	300	-
Applications accepted	7,675	7,476	199	-
Students enrolled	4,617	4,443	174	-
Brockport				
Applications received	931	880	51	-
Applications accepted	514	497	17	-
Students enrolled	145	128	17	-
Buffalo				
Applications received	2,685	2,610	75	-
Applications accepted	1,847	1,810	37	-
Students enrolled	1,291	1,267	24	-
Cortland				
Applications received	481	481	-	-
Applications accepted	430	430	-	-
Students enrolled	198	198	-	-

[a]Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b]Excluding graduate students who were enrolled but not in formal graduate programs leading to degrees or other advanced awards.

[c]Law students only (J.D. program).

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TABLE 1--GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSION INFORMATION
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SPRING 1971, SUMMER 1971 AND FALL 1971
(Continued)

Institution	Total	Those applying for masters degree programs	Those applying for doctoral degree programs	Those applying for M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M. O.D. or J.D. programs
University Colleges (continued)				
Fredonia				
Applications received	535	535	-	-
Applications accepted	411	411	-	-
Students enrolled	260	260	-	-
Geneseo				
Applications received	1,253	1,230	23	-
Applications accepted	1,007	984	23	-
Students enrolled	800	787	13	-
Herkimer-Rome-Utica				
Applications received	118	114	4	-
Applications accepted	111	108	3	-
Students enrolled	109	106	3	-
New Paltz				
Applications received	2,150	2,092	58	-
Applications accepted	2,052	1,994	58	-
Students enrolled	926	868	58	-
Oneonta				
Applications received	437	437	-	-
Applications accepted	260	260	-	-
Students enrolled	193	193	-	-
Oswego				
Applications received	343	263	80	-
Applications accepted	268	216	52	-
Students enrolled	229	179	50	-
Plattsburgh				
Applications received	486	477	9	-
Applications accepted	422	413	9	-
Students enrolled	216	207	9	-
Potsdam				
Applications received	458	458	-	-
Applications accepted	353	353	-	-
Students enrolled	250	250	-	-
Health Sciences Centers				
Applications received	15,388	781	1,053	13,554
Applications accepted	1,422	179	262	981
Students enrolled	773	147	77	549
Buffalo				
Applications received	4,112	537	535	3,040[a]
Applications accepted	636	85	212	339[a]
Students enrolled	333	85	40	208[a]

[a]M.D. and D.D.S. students.

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Institution	Total	Those applying for masters degree programs	Those applying for doctoral degree programs	Those applying for M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M. O.D. or J.D. programs
Health Sciences Centers (continued)				
Downstate				
Applications received	4,600	-	450	4,150[a]
Applications accepted	531	-	39	492[a]
Students enrolled	231	-	26	205[a]
Stony Brook				
Applications received	2,821	214	-	2,607[a]
Applications accepted	125	88	-	37[a]
Students enrolled	79	56	-	23[a]
Upstate				
Applications received	3,855	30	68	3,757[a]
Applications accepted	130	6	11	113[a]
Students enrolled	130	6	11	113[a]
Specialized Colleges				
Applications received	521	344	80	97
Applications accepted	264	198	43	23
Students enrolled	206	159	25	22
Forestry				
Applications received	347	267	80	-
Applications accepted	177	134	43	-
Students enrolled	121	96	25	-
Maritime				
Applications received	65	65	-	-
Applications accepted	58	58	-	-
Students enrolled	58	58	-	-
Optometry				
Applications received	109	12	-	97[b]
Applications accepted	29	6	-	23[b]
Students enrolled	27	5	-	22[b]
Statutory Colleges				
Applications received	3,041	1,700	732	609
Applications accepted	1,017	655	297	65
Students enrolled	626	385	176	65
Agriculture and Life Sciences				
Applications received	1,719	1,242	477	-
Applications accepted	688	477	211	-
Students enrolled	382	270	112	-
Ceramics				
Applications received	113	103	10	-
Applications accepted	33	29	4	-
Students enrolled	26	23	3	-

[a]M.D. students only. [b]O.D. students only.

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1971, SUMMER 1971 AND FALL 1971
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Institution	Total	Those applying for masters degree programs	Those applying for doctoral degree programs	Those applying for M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M. O.D. or J.D. programs
Statutory Colleges (continued)				
Human Ecology				
Applications received	404	217	187	-
Applications accepted	147	96	51	-
Students enrolled	94	58	36	-
Industrial and Labor Relations				
Applications received	161	119	42	-
Applications accepted	56	36	20	-
Students enrolled	31	17	14	-
Veterinary				
Applications received	644	19	16	609[a]
Applications accepted	93	17	11	65[a]
Students enrolled	93	17	11	65[a]

[a]D.V.M. students only.

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TABLE 2--ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS AS A PERCENT OF ALL APPLICATIONS
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1971, SUMMER 1971 AND FALL 1971

Institution	For students applying to masters degree programs	For students applying to doctoral degree programs[a]	For students applying to M.D., D.D.S. D.V.M. and J.D. programs
All senior institutions	66%	40%	9%
University Centers	64%	41%	19%
Albany	64%	49%	-
Binghamton	66%	66%	-
Buffalo	42%	24%	19%
Stony Brook	88%	41%	-
University Colleges	78%	66%[b]	-
Brockport	56%	33%	-
Buffalo	69%	49%	-
Cortland	89%	-	-
Fredonia	77%	-	-
Geneseo	80%	100%	-
Herkimer-Rome-Utica	95%	75%	-
New Paltz	95%	100%	-
Oneonta	59%	-	-
Oswego	82%	65%	-
Plattsburgh	87%	100%	-
Potsdam	77%	-	-
Health Sciences Centers	23%	25%	7%
Buffalo	16%	40%	11%
Downstate	-	9%	12%
Stony Brook	41%	-	1%
Upstate	20%	16%	3%
Specialized Colleges	58%	54%	24%
Forestry	50%	54%	-
Maritime	89%	-	-
Optometry	50%	-	24%
Statutory Colleges	39%	41%	11%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	38%	44%	-
Ceramics	28%	40%	-
Human Ecology	44%	27%	-
Industrial and Labor Relations	30%	48%	-
Veterinary	89%	69%	11%

[a] Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b] These are not doctoral programs, but programs which lead to a Certificate of Advanced Study.

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TABLE 3--ENROLLED STUDENTS AS A PERCENT OF ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SPRING 1971, SUMMER 1971 AND FALL 1971

Institution	For students applying to masters degree programs	For students applying to doctoral degree programs[a]	For students applying to M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M. and J.D. programs
All senior institutions	52%	49%	60%
University Centers	44%	48%	62%
Albany	55%	78%	-
Binghamton	43%	53%	-
Buffalo	58%	42%	62%
Stony Brook	25%	35%	-
University Colleges	59%	87%[b]	-
Brockport	26%	100%	-
Buffalo	70%	65%	-
Cortland	46%	-	-
Fredonia	63%	-	-
Geneseo	80%	57%	-
Herkimer-Rome-Utica	98%	100%	-
New Paltz	44%	100%	-
Oneonta	74%	-	-
Oswego	83%	96%	-
Plattsburgh	50%	100%	-
Potsdam	71%	-	-
Health Sciences Centers	82%	29%	56%
Buffalo	100%	19%	61%
Downstate	-	67%	42%
Stony Brook	64%	-	62%
Upstate	100%	100%	100%
Specialized Colleges	80%	58%	96%
Forestry	72%	58%	-
Maritime	100%	-	-
Optometry	83%	-	96%
Statutory Colleges	59%	59%	100%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	57%	53%	-
Ceramics	79%	75%	-
Human Ecology	60%	71%	-
Industrial and Labor Relations	47%	70%	-
Veterinary	100%	100%	100%

[a] Including University Certificates and Certificates of Advanced Study.

[b] These are not doctoral programs, but programs which lead to a Certificate of Advanced Study.

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